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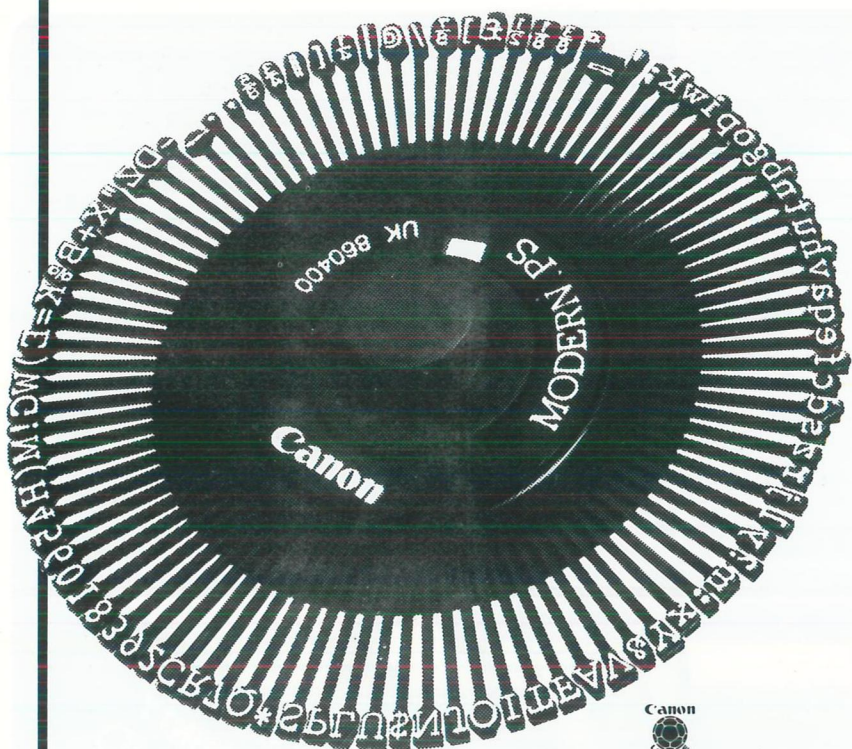
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WELCOME TO MEADOW LANE

COUNTY COMMENT

It's inevitable that today's visit of Bolton Wanderers will revive memories of last season's remarkable third round Milk Cup tie.

Wanderers won't enjoy being reminded about our 6-1 success but hopefully they will forgive us as we reflect on the night when we created two new records.

Rachid Harkouk's hat trick—scored in the space of six minutes—was the fastest-ever in the competition and only once in the history of football has there been a more spectacular burst of goals than when we grabbed five in just seven minutes.

It was one of the highlights of a bitterly disappointing season but we shall be pressing ahead this afternoon in search of another record.

There's a long, long way to go before it's reached but the players will go into action knowing that their run of three consecutive home victories is an achievement we haven't managed for five years.

With only one point to show from our two tough away matches at Walsall and Reading, it's important that the winning run is extended this afternoon to boost our quest for success.

And while on the subject of success, congratulations are in order to coach Mick Walker and our young players who have enjoyed an excellent winning run in recent weeks.

It's covered in depth in Mick's "Reserves Report" in this programme but we hope supporters have been as encouraged as we have by the displays of our youngsters.

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JIMMY SIRREL SAYS...

On the basis that you have to win the majority of home games to stand any chance of gaining promotion, I was disappointed with our early-season results at Meadow Lane.

But there has been a marked improvement over the past month or so and hopefully, that's a trend which will be continued against Bolton this afternoon.

Not only have we beaten Bristol City, Chesterfield and Lincoln in the last three home games, we have also scored nine goals along the way.

And our reward for serving up some high-quality entertainment has been a steady and most welcome increase in attendances.

It would be nice to think it will continue that way and although our win against Lincoln ought to have been by a more clear-cut margin than 3-2, it was encouraging to see so many smiling faces as people made their way home.

We took a gamble on playing Rachid Harkouk because after such a lengthy absence, he was a long way short of match fitness.

Originally we thought in terms of making him substitute against Lincoln after he had successfully come through a 45-minutes run-out with the A team the previous day.

But it made more sense for him to play from the start and safeguard against the possibility of him breaking down by keeping a man in reserve.

As it happened, there was no problem on either count and despite Rachid's inevitable lack of fitness, he quickly confirmed that he has lost none of his potency near goal.

Dick Bate took charge of the team at Walsall last Saturday while I was away on business and without knowing the circumstances, I was not surprised when I heard the result.

I knew the players were in a good frame of mind and was confident they would give a good account of themselves.

I understand they did just that, defending well when necessary and creating two chances near the end which ought to have led to victory.

Nevertheless, an away draw against a club above us in the League table is a commendable performance and although the result of our game at Reading is not known at the time of writing, hopefully we figured among the points again.

Regardless of what happened at Elm Park, I see no reason why our sequence of home wins should not be extended against Bolton—and I hope there's another good afternoon's entertainment in store.

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Rachid Harkouk wasted no time in working off his frustrations in the best possible manner...with a flurry of goals.

In the space of 152 minutes of action in the Midland Intermediate League, Third Division and Central League, he was on target five times.

And after a 12-match absence because of hamstringing trouble and several unsuccessful comeback attempts, that was just the boost he was seeking.

He said: "I played more games last season than at any time during my career and had almost forgotten how frustrating it is to be out for a long time.

"Although I came through 45 minutes with the A team against Port Vale without problems, I was a bit apprehensive about playing the following day.

"To be honest, I didn't feel I was ready to face Lincoln but the boss said he wanted me to play. As it happened things could hardly have turned out better.

"The early goal was just the boost I needed and the second was one of the best I have ever scored.

"I got a lot of satisfaction from that but the most important thing was that it helped us win the match.

"There was a time when goals meant everything to me but not any more. Obviously it's nice to be the one who puts the finishing touches but the only thing which really matters is that the team wins.

"And I just hope we can produce a lot more performances and results like we did against Lincoln

because I want to see us get out of this division as quickly as possible."

Today's game will inevitably revive pleasant memories for the Algerian international because it was against Bolton last season that he scored the only hat-trick of his senior career.

It came in the space of just six minutes—a new Milk Cup record—and he said: "It was one of those nights when everything turned to gold and although it's asking a lot to expect lightening will strike twice, it would be nice if it did."

Harkouk not only played in more games last year than in any previous season, he also scored more goals.

His tally of 20 in League and Cup matches was a considerable improvement on his previous best and his target for the months ahead is to at least match that.

Although his efforts were not enough to prevent us being relegated for the second successive season, he added: "The boss has told me that if I can do it again this year, it could make all the difference to our chances of promotion.

"It's a stiff target when you consider I missed 12 matches but providing I stay fit for the rest of the season, I'm confident I can meet it."

PERSONAL FILE

Chelsea-born Rachid Harkouk began his League career as a striker with Crystal Palace and 21 goals in 54 games earned him a £100,000 move from Queen's Park Rangers.

In two years at Loftus Road, however, he managed just 20 League appearances with three goals and by the time he joined us for £50,000 in the summer of 1980, Harkouk had become recognised as a midfielder player.

Injuries and illness severely restricted his activities during his first three seasons at Meadow Lane but he made a tremendous impact last season after reverting to the role of striker.

Harkouk's scoring feats earned international recognition eight months ago when he played for Algeria against East Germany.

And he is hoping the Algeria connection will be revived in the months ahead so that he can claim a place in the squad for the World Cup Finals in Mexico.

FOCUS ON RACHID HARKOUK



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Alan Young, Steve Sims and Mark Goodwin had all returned with injuries from Wigan the previous night so our playing resources were fully stretched as we prepared for a hectic day.

The Reserves went to Sunderland where they collected their first away win of the season and we had to summon help to complete a team for Iain McCulloch's benefit match at Meadow Lane. Steve Hodge (Aston Villa), Robert Jones (Leicester) and Larry May (Barnsley) were drafted in to make up a team which was beaten 2-1 by Manchester United before a crowd of 3,022.

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Seamus McDonagh waved farewell to Meadow Lane when he joined American Indoor League club Wichita Wings on a free transfer. The Eire international goalkeeper made 46 senior appearances during his two years with us and also had spells on loan with Birmingham, Gillingham and Sunderland.

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Young, Sims and Goodwin were all passed fit to play against Lincoln on Sunday and Jimmy Sirrel announced that Rachid Harkouk would make his comeback in the A team against Port Vale.

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Two-goal Harkouk helped the A team to an 8-0 success—their biggest win of the season—and confirmed that he was ready for first-team duty.

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Harkouk was thrust straight into the starting line-up and our biggest crowd of the season saw him make a dramatic

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return with two more goals in the 3-2 success against Lincoln.

The busy Harkouk was in action again at Meadow Lane but after setting the Reserves on the path to their best win of the season—a 5-1 triumph against Preston—he was forced to limp off after 35 minutes.

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Although Harkouk's injury was not as serious as first thought, there were doubts about whether he would be available to face Walsall on Saturday. Meanwhile, a late goal by David Kevan clinched a 2-1 win against Mansfield in the opening round of the Midland Youth Cup.



DAVID KEVAN...a late winner

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Harkouk and Tristan Benjamin, who had also missed training to nurse his long-standing leg injury, were passed fit for the game at Walsall.

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A goalless draw at Walsall enabled us to retain fifth place in the Third Division while the A team continued their successful run in the Midland Intermediate League with a 2-1 win at West Brom.

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Paul Atkin and Paul Barnes got the goals which clinched a 2-1 win against Shrewsbury at Meadow Lane in the first round of the FA Youth Cup.

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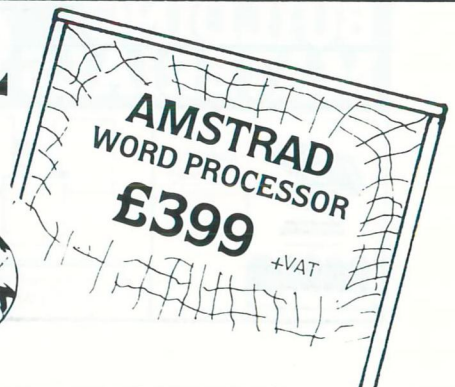
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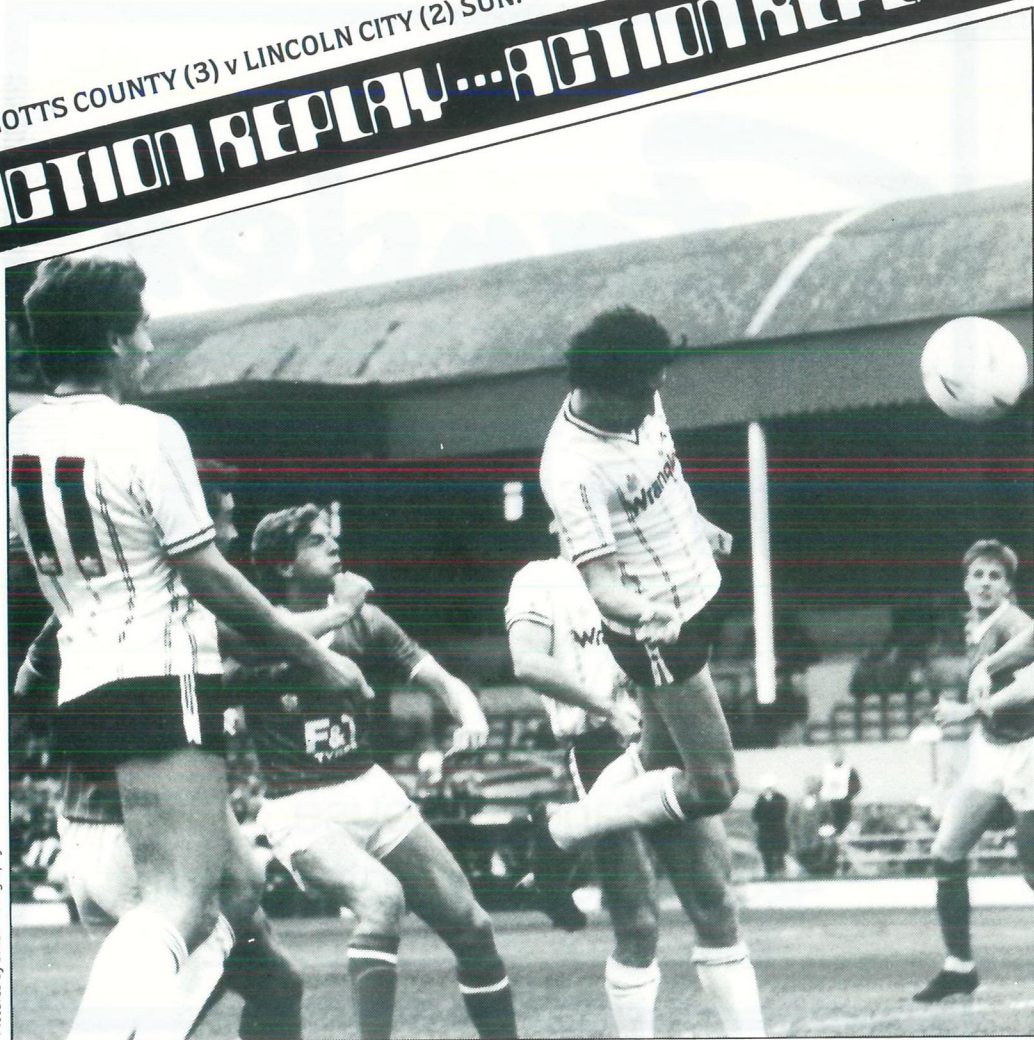
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FAR LEFT: The perfect start to Rachid Harkouk's comeback as he heads us in front with only six minutes gone.

TOP LEFT: Ian McParland lobs the ball over goalkeeper Dean Greygoose to collect his seventh goal of the season.

CENTRE LEFT: Harkouk dashes forward to meet Alan Young's return pass and...

BOTTOM LEFT: Harkouk crashes a left-foot shot past Greygoose to clinch victory.

ABOVE: Dean Yates gets forward in search of his first League goal but his header was saved.

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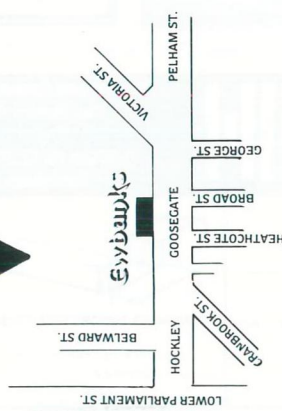
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We've been enjoying a remarkable run of success at the lower levels of the club in recent weeks...and long may it continue.

At the time of writing, the result of our Central League game at Stoke on Thursday is not known but prior to that, our youngsters had chalked up six consecutive wins in various competitions.

The Reserves followed up their excellent victory at Sunderland by beating Preston 5-1 at Meadow Lane—their biggest win of the season.

And it's not without significance that in both of those matches, our best work was done in the second half.

At the start of the season, we dropped a number of points because our young apprentices hadn't the

That, in fact, was the A team's biggest-ever victory and meant that we had scored no less than 27 goals in the process of stretching our unbeaten Midland Intermediate League run to six matches.

And the impressive sequence was extended to seven last Saturday when Snook and Paul Barnes grabbed the goals which gave us a 2-1 win at West Brom.

Aside from the League successes, the youngsters have also made progress in the two Youth Cup competitions in the past couple of weeks.

Both victories were by a margin of 2-1 although they were achieved in contrasting fashion.

We came from behind to beat Mansfield in the



RESERVES REPORT

With
MICK WALKER

stamina to maintain their form over the full 90 minutes but they are getting noticeably stronger and better as the weeks go by.

Rachid Harkouk gave us the lead against Preston but after he limped off after 35 minutes, we conceded an equaliser before half time.

But Mark Robinson put us back in front early in the second period and after that, we were in total control, adding further goals with Mark Harbottle, Eddie Snook and Richard Young.

That was the first Central League goal for Snook, who joined us during the summer as an apprentice midfield player, and followed his two-goal success for the A team three days earlier.

Harkouk and Tony Daws grabbed two apiece in that game against Port Vale and when Young and Darren Davis weighed in with further goals, it gave us a resounding 8-0 victory.

Midland Youth Cup—thanks to late goals from local schoolboy Steve Lyons and David Kevan.

And after making a flying start to Monday's FA Youth Cup tie against Shrewsbury with two goals in the first 10 minutes by Paul Atkin and Barnes, we had to work hard to stay in front.

It wasn't the most convincing of performances against a useful Shrewsbury side but having cleared the first hurdles, we are optimistic about having a good run in both competitions.



EDDIE SNOOK...
figured among the goals.

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In Mrs Perry's case, she has a nine months old son to look after plus the added handicap of a husband who is a Forest fan!

But she left him holding the baby to attend our last home match against Lincoln and said: "Hopefully it won't be too long before I can start making regular trips to Meadow Lane again."

Mrs Perry, who lives in Langar, has been a supporter since the 1960-61 season when, as she said: "County were newly promoted to the Third Division and Tony Hateley was just starting to make a name for himself."

She added: "My uncle introduced me to football and although he used to take us to County one week and Forest the next, it was the visits to Meadow Lane which I enjoyed most."

"I used to play hockey for my school on a Saturday morning and rush off to catch the train from Sutton-in-Ashfield."

"That was in the days of 'Football Specials' and part of the fun was the train journey."

"The matches I remember best were the FA Cup ties in the 1961-62 season—starting with a home game against Yeovil."

"I remember standing on the Kop, talking to some men from Yeovil and it was just a day out for them. They weren't really bothered about the result but I was...and County won 4-2."

"I was listening on the radio when Bert Loxley headed the equaliser at Margate in the next round and when Notts won the replay 3-1, they earned a home draw against Manchester City."

The match seemed unlikely to be played as scheduled because the pitch was covered in thick snow on the Friday morning.

But we called for volunteers to remove it from

MEMORY LANE

the playing area and when Reg Leaf carried out an inspection, he passed it fit for action.

Mrs Perry was among a crowd of more than 20,000 who witnessed an epic battle on an exceptionally heavy pitch.

She recalled: "The legendary Bert Trautmann was playing for City and he saved everything County could throw at him."

"In the end, Neil Young scored the goal which gave them a 1-0 win and although it was

a very disappointing result, it was a tremendous match."

"On the way home on the train, we were lamenting the fact that the ball got stuck in the mud in front of the goal just as Jeff Astle was about to shoot."

"I remember those days with great affection and when you think of how County rose from the Fourth Division to spend three years in the First, we've had a lot of success to enjoy."

"Even though I haven't been able to get to many matches during the past couple of years, I still class myself as a supporter and follow County's progress with great interest."

"And although my husband might have other ideas, I look forward to the day when I can introduce my son to Meadow Lane."

Throughout the season, this page will be especially reserved to give supporters the chance to wallow in nostalgia.

It's a chance to re-live those magic memories so please let's hear from you.

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IT MUST have come as a nasty jolt to Bolton Wanderers when they crashed 3-0 at home at struggling Darlington in midweek.

After winning their previous two games against Cardiff and Bournemouth, there was reason to believe Charlie Wright's new-look team were starting to make an impact.

But now Wanderers are back to square one—and they will be especially anxious to make amends this afternoon.

It's only five years since Wanderers were competing in the top flight but relegation was followed by another three years of struggling before they relinquished their Second Division status.

They haven't found it easy in the Third, either, but after Wright steered them clear of relegation problems last season, he took positive action during the summer to strengthen his squad.

In fact, he made five new signings—including the vastly experienced Asa Hartford and David Cross, who arrived on free transfers from Norwich and West Brom respectively.

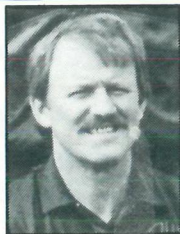
Hartford, capped more than 50 times by Scotland, enjoyed great success during his career with West Brom, Manchester City, Forest and Everton and only last season, he scored the winning goal in the Milk Cup Final for Norwich.

And scoring goals is a subject which Cross knows more about than most players because he was a prolific marksman in his spells with Rochdale, Norwich, Coventry, West Ham, Manchester City and Oldham.

Wright's other three summer signings were designed to strengthen the defence and it was a popular move with supporters when he persuaded big Sam Allardyce to return to Burnden Park.

Allardyce was a regular in the Bolton defence during their First Division days before moving on to serve Sunderland, Millwall and Coventry.

His next stop was Huddersfield, where he formed a successful partnership with former Plymouth defender Dave Sutton, and they moved together to Bolton for a combined fee of £22,000.



MAN IN CHARGE

CHARLIE WRIGHT became Bolton's 12th post-War manager when he succeeded John McGovern midway through last season.

At the time, Wanderers were faced with the prospect of slipping into the Fourth Division for the first occasion in their long history.

But Wright accepted responsibility when the chance came for him to move up from the coaching staff and successfully pulled them clear of relegation trouble.

One of the few ex-goalkeepers involved in management, Wright served with distinction for many years with both Charlton and Grimsby.

Wanderers also splashed out £20,000 on Derek Scott and it was a case of third time lucky because after two successful attempts, they finally persuaded Burnley to part with the former England Schools star.

The five newcomers represented a considerable injection of experience and talent and since the season got underway, Wanderers have further strengthened their attack by signing Wayne Entwhistle from Carlisle.

Entwhistle has joined forces with Tony Caldwell, the club's leading scorer for the past two seasons since he was signed from non-league football, and former apprentice Roger Walker.

And Walker is one of several talented youngsters who have emerged from the ranks to claim a regular first-team spot.

Goalkeeper Simon Farnworth, Bolton's "Player of the Year" last season, comes into that category and so do full backs Warren Joyce and Jimmy Phillips and midfielder Steve Thompson.

But with the likes of Graham Bell, a former Oldham, Preston and Carlisle player, working alongside Hartford in midfield, there's a healthy blend of youth and experience.

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FRONT ROW: Asa Hartford, Derek Scott, Graham Bell, George Oghani, Dean Roberts, Simon Rudge, Charlie Wright (Team Manager).

CURRENT FORM

BOLTON, knocked out of the Milk Cup at the second round stage by Forest, are currently in 17th place in the Third Division. Their League results so far are:

Rotherham (h) 1-1 (Caldwell); Doncaster (a) 1-1 (Cross); Bury (h) 1-4 (Cross); Gillingham (a) 1-2 (Cross); Wolves (h) 4-1 (Cross 2, Thompson 2); Walsall (a) 0-2; Lincoln (h) 1-1 (Thompson); Newport (a) 1-0 (Oghani); Plymouth (h) 3-1 (Joyce, Caldwell, Rudge); York (a) 0-3; Reading (a) 0-1; Brentford (h) 1-2 (Joyce); Swansea (h) 1-1 (Thompson); Bristol Rovers (a) 1-2 (Caldwell); Cardiff (a) 1-0 (Bell); Bournemouth (h) 1-0 (Thompson); Darlington (h) 0-3.

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1982-83	2	42	11	11	20	42	61	44	22	Henry (9)	2	3
1983-84	3	46	18	10	18	56	60	64	10	Caldwell (19)	1	3
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There's been a good response from members wanting to take part in the Junior Magpies Soccer Skills Competition and that gets underway at the Meadow Lane sports hall tomorrow.

The first session is for members in the 8-11 age group and those who have submitted entry forms should report to reception at 11.30. The event will start at 12 and is expected to last about two hours.

Les Bradd and several players will be joining me in supervising various exercises designed to improve and test your skills and depending on how you fare, gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented.

Incidentally, please note that because next week's Cup tie with Scarborough has been switched to Sunday, the Soccer Skills Competition for 12-16 year olds will now take place at Meadow Lane on Sunday November 24.

*The Subbuteo Exhibition went ahead as planned in the Meadow Club last week—including a demonstration from All-England champion David Matthews.

It is our intention to stage a Junior Magpies

Competition sometime this season and it will probably take place in January.

*The prize for this afternoon's free half time raffle is a £10 sports voucher, courtesy of Redmayne & Todd.

*The recent Junior Magpies Disco attracted almost 200 members and parents and was so successful that we are already planning another for early in the New Year.

We are grateful to manager Jimmy Sirrel for supporting the event and he presented prizes to the winners of the Super Teams Competition.

*We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to the staff and pupils of Burford Primary School at Arnold.

They are the latest recruits to the Wrangler/Magpies Schools Project and will be watching the match from the Junior Magpies enclosure.

***The ball boys/girls for this afternoon's match are:** Steven Buxton, Robert Burton, Andrew Dalzell, Richard West, Sharon West, Sarah Ayre, Richard Knight, Richard Cotton, Christopher Cotton, Christopher Pilkington.

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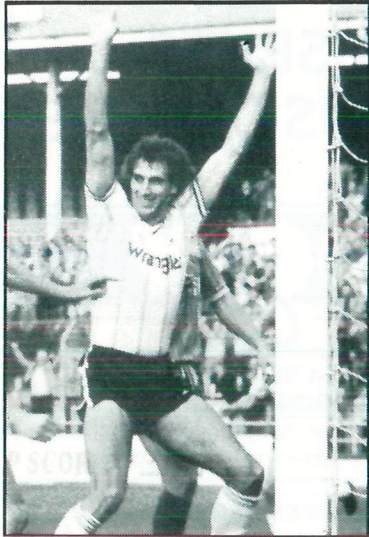
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MICK WAITT celebrates the goal against Chesterfield—his third in six League games.

BIG Mick Waitt landed a bonus this week when he was given the all-clear to jog his way back to fitness.

When Waitt damaged ankle ligaments after scoring in the home win against Chesterfield, it was originally thought that he would be out of action for a minimum of six weeks.

But when he visited the hospital on Tuesday, the plaster was removed a week ahead of schedule so it won't be long before he is again adding weight and height to our promotion challenge.

"It's nice to be back to normal and the ankle feels great," he said.

"The injury couldn't have come at a worse time from my point of view because I felt I was playing as well as at any time since I turned professional.

"It was a big disappointment but it's up to me to get myself fit as quickly as possible and hopefully, I can pick up where I left off."

MARK HARBOTTLE could be taking his first stride towards international selection this week.

The young midfielder, who made a dramatic start to his League career with a goal against Darlington in his first full appearance, is currently involved in a two-day England Under-17 trial.

And hopefully he will go on to follow the example of David Clarke, Darren Davis and Tony Daws who have collected full England Youth honours in recent years.

PLEASE note that our first round FA Cup tie against Scarborough at Meadow Lane next week has been switched to Sunday to avoid clashing with Forest's home game the previous day.

It will kick off at 3pm with all admission prices the same as for a normal League game and season-ticket holders have until 5pm next Thursday to claim their regular seats.

Incidentally, should a replay be necessary it will be staged at the Athletic Ground the following Wednesday.

YOUNG apprentice Eddie Snook took his own fan club with him when the Reserves played at Sunderland recently.

Eddie, who comes from nearby Washington, was allowed home for a couple of days before the game and told to join up with the team at Roker Park, where he would be substitute.

Said coach Mick Walker: "When Eddie arrived, he brought a bus-load of 26 people with him and it was an amazing sight to see this big group of Geordies cheering on our lads.

"When Paul Barnes was injured, Eddie had to go on for the last 10 minutes and you can imagine the reception he got."

TODAY'S referee is Tony Ward, an office manager from London who commenced refereeing in 1962 and progressed via the Spartan, South East Counties and Isthmian Leagues.

He has refereed the London Senior Cup Final and acted as linesman for the international between West Germany and Brazil in 1981, the FA Cup semi-finals in 1978 and 1983 and the FA Vase Final in 1979.



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MEMBERS of the Notts County 100 Club will launch their second season of activities at the Meadow Club on Thursday...and it's still not too late to join them.

Although there has been an excellent response to our campaign to sign up new members, there are still a handful of vacant places which we are anxious to fill before the opening event.

And County '75's Les Bradd, who was responsible for introducing the scheme last season, promises that anyone who joins will have no cause for regrets.

function.

"With membership strictly limited to 100 and 12 prizes at stake in each draw, the odds against winning are very reasonable.

"The total value of the prizes at each function is not less than £500 and while the top prize at the first four meetings is £200 in cash, a week's holiday for two in Magaluf will be at stake on the final evening.

"From the club's point of view, it proved

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He said: "It costs £100 to join but when you look at what's offered in return, we feel it is excellent value for money."

"When you consider that each member and their guest is provided with a meal and evening of top-class entertainment five times during the course of the season, that alone is worth the subscription.

"But the attraction is knowing that there's every chance of figuring among the prizes when the draw is made at each

to be a very successful venture last season and although there were a few teething problems, we learned a lot from them.

"I'm confident things will go well this year. We've got some excellent acts lined-up and I'm looking forward to some cracking evenings."

If anyone is interested in filling one of the vacant spots in time for Thursday's kick-off, Les will be pleased to talk business and is available on Nottingham 864718.

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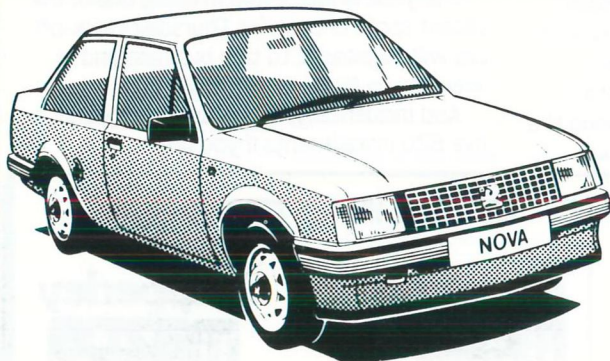
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TEN YEARS AGO

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Les Bradd scored our goal while Dave Staniforth replied for Rovers—they were fifth at the time—and the scene was set for more League Cup glory.

Having already accounted for Sunderland and Leeds United, we travelled to Goodison Park in confident mood the following Tuesday.

And that confidence was fully justified as a crowd of 19,169 saw us twice come from behind to force a 2-2 draw with Everton.

Garry Jones and Dave Irving gave Everton the advantage but Ron Fenton's men refused to surrender and after Ian Scanlon had converted a penalty, big Brian Stubbs ensured a replay at Meadow Lane.



IAN SCANLON...converted a penalty against Everton

FIVE YEARS AGO

Eddie Kelly returned to replace the injured Don Masson for the home game against Derby County—a match which provided the first hint that we had run out of goals.

It was a disappointing match for the crowd of 16,650 and little did we know that the goalless draw signalled the start of two months of problems.

The attendance figure was less than half as big three days later for the visit of Newcastle to Meadow Lane and they saw us lose more ground on the leaders.

Jimmy Sirrel and Howard Wilkinson had given an unchanged team the chance to redeem themselves but although chances were created, the goal-famine continued.

Newcastle-born Trevor Christie struck the crossbar with a late header but another goalless draw left us without a win in three matches—our worst spell of the season.

ONE YEAR AGO

Jimmy Sirrel's reign as caretaker boss was brief and on November 5 last year, our former player Richie Barker was appointed as manager.

It seemed he had arrived at a good time because after the spectacular Milk Cup win against Bolton and commendable draw with Grimsby, there were clear signs of a revival.

Barker could hardly have had a more daunting start, however, because he re-launched his Meadow Lane career with a trip to Portsmouth.

Alan Ball's in-form side—and most of the crowd of 12,267—were stunned when Mark Goodwin gave us an early lead with a fine goal.

But Portsmouth responded in style and three goals in 13 minutes before half time—an equaliser by Bobby Doyle and two goals by Scott McGarvey—sentenced us to a 3-1 defeat and a rapid return to the foot of the Second Division.

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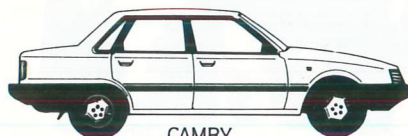
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COUNTY '75 LOTTERIES NEWS

With LES BRADD

We introduced a special incentive scheme for County '75 agents at the start of this month.

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In all, there are 15 prizes waiting to be won...two Christmas hampers, three bottles of whisky and ten £5 meat vouchers.

But agents should note that they must cash in either on or before December 14 in order to stand a chance of claiming their bonus.

*The free agents' draw for November recently took place and bottles of wine have been won by G. Bond of Waterdown Road, Clifton; Mr Perry of Rushcliffe Avenue, Carlton, Mr Bell of Park Avenue West, Keyworth and Milns Newsagents of Flats Lane Calverton.

*Will all agents who have ordered Christmas Hampers please note that they should be available for collection from the County '75

office during the week commencing Monday December 2.

Please ring in advance to check whether they have arrived before making the trip to Meadow Lane.

*Our newly launched Nottingham Co-operative Society scheme has made a highly encouraging start and 15 stores now have our various lottery tickets on sale.

And it didn't take long for someone to find the benefit because one Co-op customer purchased a £100 winning ticket at their Aspley Branch.

*It's still not too late to sign up as a member of the Notts County 100 Club but you will have to be quick if you want to qualify for all five of this season's functions.

The first of those takes place at the Meadow Club next Thursday and apart from a meal and evening of top-class entertainment, prizes to the value of more than £500 must be won.



SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

by PETER DENNIS

Due to popular demand we have decided to re-introduce a series of 'Supporters Seminars'. The first will take place on Friday 22nd November and will be held in the Presidents Lounge commencing at 8pm. The guest speaker will be our new coach Dick Bate who has kindly agreed to come along and meet supporters and talk about his career to date, his approach to football and his hopes for the future. If past meetings are any guide, this promises to be an extremely interesting and informative evening. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

VIDEO EVENING

Following the success of our recently held Video Evening we will be holding another on Friday 15th November in the Presidents Lounge commencing at 8pm. Ian Mills will again be hosting the evening and has promised to show us plenty of recent Notts County action together with a selection 'big match' games. Since there looks to be little chance of seeing much football on Television this season this may be

your only chance to see your favourite players on the 'box' for some time. Admission is free and a bar is provided.

QUIZ

The Supporters Club quiz team have been drawn to play Leicester City (Loughborough branch) in the first round of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs National Football Quiz. The tie is held on a home and away basis and the provisional dates are as follows. The first leg will be held on Monday 18th November in the Presidents Lounge and with the return the following week on Monday 25th November at the Chamwood Inn in Loughborough. Admission to both legs is free, in each case the start time is 8pm., and your support would be greatly appreciated.

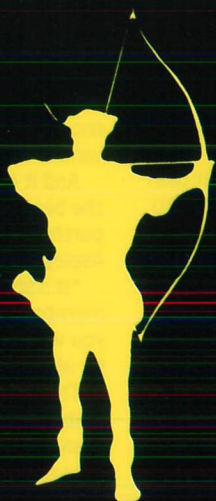
AWAY TRAVEL

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THE LOCAL LEGEND



THE OTHER LOCAL LEGEND



COMPARISONS with County's last promotion season from the Third Division are inevitable, and there are two reasons why Bolton's visit today is a good time to look at what happened then, in 1972-73, and what's happening now.

The first reason is that after today there is a natural break in the Third and Fourth Division League programme as clubs compete next Saturday in the first round of the FA Cup. The second is that, in retrospect, County's clashes with Bolton 13 years ago can be seen to have been decisive in the climb towards Division Two status.

Put bluntly, the position is that, at this stage, Notts are better off from every point of view compared to what happened in 1972, when the season so neatly divided into two halves—the first disappointing, the second exhilarating.

Seldom has a side been so badly placed as Notts were that Christmas...and then gone on to secure promotion. The transformation was as remarkable as, to many, unexpected.

Not until Notts played at Grimsby on 2nd December did they show a glimpse of encouraging form. They lost the match 3-1, but it was the side's best performance to date.

The turning point came with an own goal win over Watford on Boxing Day, quickly followed by a magnificent match at Bolton where County were trailing by two goals at half-time and then Brian Stubbs and Les Bradd came along with second half headers which produced a valuable point and sent the club into 1973 in good heart.

The gate at Bolton for the final 1972 fixture was over 17,000. How happy either club would be to contemplate such an attendance right now! This may be particularly true of Bolton who played on Tuesday before an all-time record low of 2,902.

But we are overrunning our story slightly. When in 1972 Notts broke for FA Cup engagement they had already played 19 fixtures, one more than they will have completed by tonight, of which they had won only seven, drawn five and lost the remaining seven. Only two points were awarded for a win in those days but by today's values of three points for a win Notts are still better off at this stage—and from one game less.

That season was the last in which Notts played Walsall, until rivalries resumed last Saturday. Whatever happens to either club one could well imagine this being the final visit to the Fellows Park ground which could best be described as homely and, more accurately, as seedy.

Walsall directors, led by Nottingham-born chairman Ken Wheldon, are fully alive to that situation and rather than spending hundreds of thousands of pounds bringing the stadium to required standards of comfort and appearance are actively negotiating for a new site to which to move the club's headquarters.

Supporters often don't like such changes in environment. Look at the fuss created by Charlton fans following the decision to share accommodation with Crystal Palace. But Walsall's faithful would surely be happier to move to a better-equipped stadium.

It was good to meet Steve Cherry, the Walsall goalkeeper, who first learned his craft in the same South Notts schoolboys' team as our own Mick Waitt



and Steve Burke, who was on loan here from Queen's Park Rangers last season.

Steve's parents live at Calverton where his dad worked in the pit before his retirement and he himself went to the local Frank Seeley school. Steve wanted the latest news of Mick's injury and was delighted to be told that he might well be back in action sooner than was first feared.

Local schools' teams have contributed their fair share of League footballers but it's difficult to remember a time when Notts gave such a high priority or pinned such faith on their own youth set-up—an investment which shows every sign of producing a good return.

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11/17/19	San Francisco	10-14	10
11/24/19	San Francisco	10-14	10
12/1/19	San Francisco	10-14	10
12/8/19	San Francisco	10-14	10
12/15/19	San Francisco	10-14	10
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Aug 23	DONCASTER (MC 1)	1-1	3922	Richards	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Harkouk	Hunt	*Smalley
Aug 26	DONCASTER ROVERS	1-1	3922	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Harkouk	Downing	*Smalley
Aug 31	Plymouth Argyle	1-0	5105	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Harkouk	Hunt	*Waitt
Sep 7	Doncaster (MC 1)	1-2	2679	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Smalley
Sep 14	CILLINGHAM	1-1	3624	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Sep 14	CILLINGHAM	2-2	3626	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Sep 14	WALSLEY	3-0	3708	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Sep 22	Darlington	3-2	3786	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Sep 24	Fulham (MC 2)	1-1	2324	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Oct 8	Doncaster Rovers	2-2	4056	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Oct 12	Derby County	0-2	1406	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	Harbottle
Oct 18	FULHAM (MC 2)	4-0	3054	Leonard	*Davis	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	*McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Clarke	*Robinson
Oct 19	BRISTOL CITY	2-4	4332	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Oct 22	WALSLEY	2-1	3616	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Oct 23	WALSLEY	3-0	3616	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Oct 27	UNION JACK	3-2	6143	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Nov 2	Walsley	0-0	4967	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Nov 6	Reading	0-0	4967	Leonard	Clarke	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Nov 17	WALSLEY	1-3	6766	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Nov 17	Scarbrough (FA CUP 1)	1-3	6766	Leonard	Richards	Benjamin	Sims	Vates	McParland	Goodwin	Young	Waitt	Hunt	*Robinson
Nov 23	Newport County													
Nov 30	SWANSEA CITY													
Dec 14	Rotherham United													
Dec 15	WALSLEY													
Dec 26	WALSLEY													
Dec 28	Doncaster Rovers													
Jan 1	Brentford													
Jan 4	WALSLEY													
Jan 11	Doncaster Rovers													
Jan 18	Cardiff City													
Jan 23	BOURNEMOUTH													
Feb 1	Gillingham													
Feb 4	Wigan Athletic													
Feb 11	Doncaster Rovers													
Feb 22	Darlington													
Mar 1	Bury													
Mar 4	BRISTOL ROVERS													
Mar 11	Doncaster Rovers													
Mar 15	BRISTOL CITY													
Mar 22	Luton City													
Mar 29	BRENTFORD													
Mar 31	Wolverhampton Wanderers													
Apr 5	READING													
Apr 12	Ilkeston Wanderers													
Apr 19	WALSLEY													
Apr 26	Swansea City													
May 3	ROTHERHAM UNITED													

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO										MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE				
Aug 21	PORT VALE	3-0	Aug 17	Mansfield	0-3									
Aug 28	Oldham	2-3	Aug 24	STOKE	2-0									
Sep 4	Blackpool	2-3	Aug 31	Wolves	1-0									
Sep 10	ROTHERHAM	3-1	Sep 7	Forest	1-2									
Sep 19	SCUNTHORPE	2-4	Sep 21	Derby	3-2									
Sep 25	York	0-2	Sep 28	COVENTRY	4-2									
Oct 2	BURNLEY	4-2	Oct 5	Chesterfield	7-0									
Oct 11	Coventry	1-1	Oct 12	LEICESTER	2-1									
Oct 16	Middlesbrough	1-3	Oct 19	Shrewsbury	3-3									
Oct 23	Sunderland	3-1	Oct 26	PORT VALE	8-0									
Oct 29	PRESTON	5-1	Nov 2	West Brom	2-1									

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Aug 21	PORT VALE	3-0	Aug 17	Mansfield	0-3
Aug 28	Oldham	2-3	Aug 24	STOKE	2-0
Blackpool		2-3	Aug 31	Wolves	1-0
Sept 10	ROTHERHAM		Sept 7	Forest	1-2
Sept 19	SCUNTHORPE		Sept 21	Derby	3-2
Sept 25	York	0-2	Sept 28	COVENTRY	4-2
Oct 2	BURNLEY	4-2	Oct 5	Chesterfield	7-0
Oct 11	Coventry	1-1	Oct 12	LEICESTER	2-1
Oct 16	Middlesbrough	1-3	Oct 19	Shrewsbury	3-3
Oct 23	Sunderland	3-1	Oct 26	PORT VALE	8-0
Oct 29	PRESTON	5-1	Nov 2	West Brom	2-1

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE 1985/86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	17	8	1	2	0	19	8	3	7	0	13	6
York	17	6	2	2	0	23	6	3	1	5	12	15
Walsall	17	6	2	2	0	22	9	3	1	4	10	30
Blackpool	17	5	1	2	2	21	7	2	4	10	11	29
Plymouth	17	6	4	1	2	16	7	2	3	10	12	28
Brentford	17	5	4	1	1	13	8	3	4	10	17	28
Derby	17	5	4	1	2	18	8	3	4	11	9	27
Willingham	17	4	5	1	2	17	12	3	3	13	27	27
Notts City	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Doncaster	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Wigan	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Cherterfield	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Bristol Rovers	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Bristol City	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Bournemouth	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Bottom	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Newport	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Rotherham	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Lincoln	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Wolves	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Darlington	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26
Cardiff	17	4	5	2	1	20	7	2	3	10	14	26

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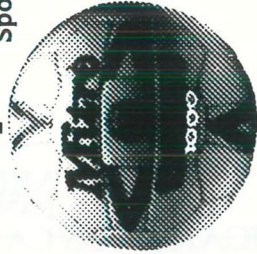
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B	Everton v Arsenal
C	Leicester v Southampton
D	Sheff Wed v Man Utd
E	Portsmouth v Middlesbrough
F	Blackpool v Bristol R
G	Bristol Cv Brentford
H	Bury v Plymouth
J	Chesterfield v Newport
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L	Gillingham v Walsall
M	Wigan v Rotherham
N	Wigan v Reading
O	Mansfield v Crewe

CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE 1985/86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	9	6	2	1	23	16	20
Sunderland	10	5	3	2	26	12	18
Middlesbrough	8	5	2	1	25	8	17
Notts County	11	5	1	5	26	21	16
Bolton Wanderers	8	5	0	3	20	17	15
Grimby Town	9	5	0	4	20	18	15
York City	9	5	0	4	10	14	15
Port Vale	9	4	2	3	13	14	14
Coventry City	9	4	1	4	17	12	13
Bradford City	8	4	1	3	17	13	13
Wolverhampton Wndrs	8	4	0	4	24	24	12
Oldham Athletic	7	3	2	2	13	11	11
Rotherham United	9	3	1	5	16	17	10
Scunthorpe United	9	3	1	5	14	15	10
Stoke City	8	2	1	5	11	25	7
Doncaster Rovers	9	1	3	5	14	22	6
Preston North End	8	1	2	5	14	30	5
Burnley	8	1	2	5	13	26	5

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th FA CUP ROUND ONE
NOTTS COUNTY v SCARBOROUGH
KICK-OFF 3p.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th CENTRAL LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO
NOTTS COUNTY v BOLTON WANDERERS
KICK-OFF 7p.m.

TEAM CHECK

NOTTS COUNTY

1. MICK LEONARD
2. PEDRO RICHARDS
3. DAVID CLARKE
4. TRISTAN BENJAMIN
5. STEVE SIMS
6. DEAN YATES
7. IAN McPARLAND
8. MARK GOODWIN
9. ALAN YOUNG
10. RACHID HARKOUK
11. DAVID HUNT
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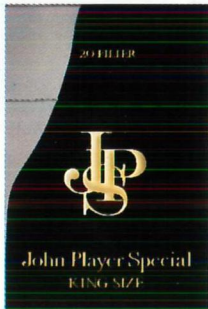
BOLTON WANDERERS

1. SIMON FARNWORTH
2. WARREN JOYCE
3. JIMMY PHILLIPS
4. STEVE THOMPSON
5. DEREK SCOTT
6. SAM ALLARDYCE
7. ROGER WALKER
8. DAVID CROSS
9. WAYNE ENTWHISTLE
10. ASA HARTFORD
11. GRAHAM BELL
- 12.

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